From the Principal ....
What an amazing group of students we have here at Narrandera Public School!!! Over 60 children came along to the Narrandera community ANZAC march and commemorative service on ANZAC Day and I know that there would have been many more in attendance if some families and staff had not been away during the holidays. It is wonderful to see the children so respectfully involved in community events. Keeping the spirit of the ANZACS ‘alive’ in our younger generations is always a very special thing for us to encourage. It was a very moving and well-organised community event. Congratulations to everyone in our community who was involved in its organisation. What a special little town we live in and what special little people we are supporting at NPS who will one day positively contribute as adults in our communities.

Term 2 is a short but extra busy term for us here at NPS. I encourage you all to keep a close watch on our school calendar in each newsletter so you can keep up-to-date with what’s happening. Here’s a summary of many Term 2 school activities but remember, others do come up as we go along each term, some things can change due to unforeseen circumstances and, details about activities will be sent home (where relevant) closer to the event days.

Thursday, 1st May – our softball teams travel to Griffith with Mrs Cassidy --- good luck boys and girls and have fun!
Monday, 5th May – your P&C meeting in the library starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to come along remembering that without your P&C our school would have no uniform shop or canteen. Your P&C is still looking for a Treasurer so please contact Brooke Absolom or Debbie Wickes if you can help with this role.

Tuesday, 6th May – your AECG meeting to be held at NPS in the AEO room starting at 1:30 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday 5th & 6th May – marking of athletics tracks and fields after school.

Wednesday, 7th May – NPS Athletics Carnival being held at the park and at school. PLEASE let us know if you are available to help at our carnival this year. A note is in this newsletter to return to school by Friday, 2nd May.

Thursday, 8th May – 456S, 5C and 6H classes participating in the RAMROCK Waste Reduction Campaign here at NPS being run by visitors. The children shall tell us more about this activity after the day!

Friday, 9th May – school assembly and Mother’s Day picnic lunch. Stewart House handball competition.

Tuesday 13th May till Friday 16th May – National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) for all children in Years 3 and 5.

Friday, 16th May – Tony Lockett Shield and AFL Gala day in Griffith (more information to be confirmed by the organisers).

Friday, 23rd May – Leeton/Narrandera PSSA Cross Country Carnival.

Tuesday, 27th May – school captains, prefects and sport house captains go to GRIP student leadership conference in Wagga.

Friday, 30th May – school assembly.

Wednesday 4th June – NRMA Road safety & Science Day at NPS.

Friday, 6th June – Leeton/Narrandera PSSA Athletics Carnival.

Tuesday, 10th June – Riverina PSSA Cross Country Carnival.

Friday, 13th June – school assembly.

Thursday, 19th June – CSU ‘Future Moves’ for Years 5 & 6.

Friday, 20th June – Riverina Dance Festival in Wagga. Well done boys and girls and Mrs Stamos!

Monday, 23rd June – Riverina Athletics Carnival.

Friday, 27th June – K-3 responsible pet care sessions; NAIDOC activities for NPS and the last day of Term 2.

Please note that all Semester 1 Student Reports will be completed by the end of Term 2 and will be personally handed to, and discussed, with all families during Parent/Teacher interviews to be held during the first 2 weeks of Term 3. Mrs Cassidy’s class, 5C, will be an exception due to Kerryn’s unavailability early in Term 3. Kerryn will make contact with 5C families before the end of Term 2 to arrange her Parent/Teacher interviews.

As always, please continue to keep in close contact with your child’s teacher so that any issues are addressed throughout the term and not just at planned Parent/Teacher interviews.

This term I particularly encourage all children to return their Home Readers and log books each week and hope that more of our families will support this important reading program. Great book prizes can be won in this program!

Have a great week and a happy start to Term 2!

Susan Ruffles
COMMUNITY EVENTS:
Narrandera’s Mother’s Day Farmers Market – Held 1st Sunday of each month – May 4, 2014, at The Shady Gum Nursery Car Par from 9am to 12noon. Breakfast and coffee available. Lion Train Shuttle on the hour. All produce home-grown by local cooks and gardeners. All craft goods handmade.
Leeton United Football Club (Soccer) Local Junior Competition – Saturday, May 3, 2014. No 2 Ovals Palm Avenue. Start 10am. A grade (11years & up), 6/7 years. 11am – 4/5 years & 8/9/10 years.
Contact: Shane Dunn – 0428 649 481.
Netset Go will begin this Friday, May 2, from 4.30 - 5.30pm on the outside netball courts. Registration will begin at 4pm. Cost is $60.00 which includes the registration, Gilbert netball, ANZ t-shirt and a NSW Swift pencil case. Netset Go will be run in conjunction with Auskick. Helpers are needed, so if you are able to assist please let us know. If you have any further questions please contact Rebecca Baumgartner 0408 651 032 or via Narrandera Netball Association FB page.

Below – Age Champions (Deakin Bright Absent)
2H Projects - Natural & Built Environments!

Mekaila Luhrs with a brilliant rainforest.
Meleke Oszoy with Uluru (Ayers Rock).
Anabelle Mills with a great scene from the Murrumbidgee River.
Mia Briggs created a 3D fold down Eiffel Tower with information.
Destiny Hocking with a scene and information on the desert.
Preston Patrikis created a camp site near the river.

Clayton Ewers (visiting from Hillston Central School) with a river scene.
Hunter Robertson with the Murrumbidgee scene.
Isabella Cosgrove with the ocean
William Cottom with a Murrumbidgee scene.
Beau Davies with the ocean and a folder full of interesting facts.
Robert Vidler’s ocean scene with coral and personal pictures.
ANZAC March and Commemorative Service

Mums, Grandmothers, Families
please come to our

MOTHER’S DAY SHARED LUNCH

on Friday, May 9 – 11.15am to 12noon
(Bring lunch to share with your child in the playground)

Class News - Year 5
Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for a very busy term.
We are lucky to have Mrs Mel Beer in our class for the first four weeks of this term. Mrs Beer is completing her first practicum placement of her teacher training. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and a good understanding of our school. We all look forward to working with her.
This term is only 9 weeks long and there is lots happening, including lots of sport, NAPLAN tests, assessments for reporting, reports and parent/teacher interviews.
There will be no home learning tasks this week. Learning activities will mainly be revision. Our Science unit this term will be ‘Space’ and our HSIE will be ‘Antarctica’.

Kerryn Cassidy – 5C Class Teacher.

Opportunity Class Placement – 2015
Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2015 on behalf of their children can access the online application site. Parents can access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Applications forms are available on request from the school but online application is advisable. PLEASE NOTE this class is not at a Narrandera School.

I am able to assist at Narrandera Park or Narrandera Public School grounds on Wednesday, May 7, 2014.
Name: _______________________________ Contact No.: ___________________________